

RE in the Early Years at Fairfield

The roots of our RE curriculum are found in the Foundation Stage through our 'Understanding the World' teaching. Understanding the World involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. Our curriculum enables all children in Early Years to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people, through exploring a diverse range of cultural and religious celebrations like Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and Chinese New Year. We investigate places that are special to members of our community by visiting a church and looking at photos of Synagogues and mosques. Through exploration of different religions, our children recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. Our weekly Jigsaw sessions intertwine with our RE teaching to develop tolerance, understanding and kindness to others.

We learn through a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems to foster children's understanding of our culturally and socially, diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. We know that enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Our Early Years curriculum develops substantive knowledge, tolerance, respect and kindness as we prepare the children for future RE discussion and their later life.